

## Italian Motorcycle Club Tasmania – North West Ride Report –

**Sunday 20 July 2014**

A significant group of bikes this month – with lots of new and old members present – a total of twelve bikes, eleven of which did the entire 250km ride and nine of which were Italian thoroughbreds!

This was the lineup:

Kurt Tuthill (Ducati 848), Jim Rodbourn (1199 Panigale S), Louise Rodbourn (1199 Panigale), Peter Symonds (Ducati Monster 796), Andrew Rand (Moto Guzzi 1000S), Phil Hall (MV Agusta Brutale 1090RR), Tim Jenkins (Ducati ST4), Michael Ward (Ducati ST4), James McCormack (Moto Guzzi Stelvio NTX), Lee Whiteley (Honda CBR1100XX), Julie Tuthill (Triumph Street Triple) and Suze Woodhouse-Evans (“Ducati” Skyteam 125).



Jim and Louise are in the process of relocating from Adelaide to Ulverstone along with their fleet of six bikes – five of which are Ducatis: a pair of 1199s, a pair of Monster 696s and an old 750GT - a bit of a Ducati Dream Garage! Andrew is a new member and his gorgeous 1992 Moto Guzzi 1000S is a sight to behold – he has another “European” joining his two-wheeled fleet soon – though I won’t spoil the surprise. Phil is a new-old member and also rode with us last month. His MV Brutale is a very tasty piece of Italian exotica – I could spend hours just looking at MV Agusta exhausts... Peter has ridden with us a few times now on his very tidy Monster 796 and has just joined the IMC. Welcome all!

The day itself was sensational, clear blue skies and 11 degrees C (52 degrees F) – though it felt much warmer in the mid-Winter sun. In a month’s time we will be heading into Spring, so it’s all uphill from here.

Unfortunately Pier01 in Ulverstone is having a winter break so the riding party formed up at 33 Cups in King Edward Street – our backup venue.



L to R: Louise Rodburn, Lee Whitely, Jim Rodburn, Andrew Rand, Peter Symonds, James McCormack

After caffeine levels were supplemented appropriately we headed west via Penguin and the old coast road. The destination was Stanley in the far North West. Given rain in the preceding week and plenty of mud about we decided to stay pretty close to the coast. The Bass Highway west of Wynyard is actually a great, winding and scenic bike road, even if not the most challenging stretch. If you haven't ridden it in recent years, it's definitely worth a blast. Seems to be pretty lightly policed too – though don't hold me to that...

Lunch was at the arty Brown Dog Café at Stanley, where the food is very reasonably priced and the coffee is excellent.

On the way home we turned south at Burnie and charged out through Natone, Riana and Penguin for some tighter corners to wrap up the ride.

Onwards and upwards – we have another few regular riders so certainly looking forward to bigger and better things for the North West IMC ride.

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